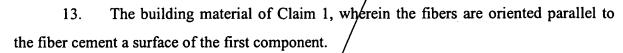
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A building material, comprising:

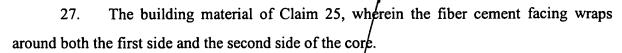
at least a first component and a second component provided adjacent said first component, wherein said first component is provided as pre-formed, uncured fiber cement, wherein the fiber cement is reinforced with individualized fibers, and wherein the uncured fiber cement is cured after providing the first component adjacent to the second component.

- 2. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the second component is made of a curable material.
- 3. The building material of Claim 2, wherein the first component and the second component are simultaneously cured.
- 4. The building material of Claim 2, wherein the first component and the second component are sequentially cured.
- 5. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the first component is partially dried before providing the first component adjacent the second component.
- 6. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the second component has a density less than that of the fiber cement
- 7. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the second component is fiber-reinforced.
- 8. The building material of Claim 1, wherein one of the components at least partially surrounds the other component.
- 9. The building material of Claim 8, wherein the first component at least partially surrounds the second component.
- 10. The building material of Claim 1, further comprising a third component provided adjacent said first component such that the first component is located between the second component and the third component.
- 11. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the individualized fibers have a substantially planar orientation.
- 12. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the individualized fibers are substantially oriented in the direction of loading.



- 14. The building material of Claim /1, wherein the fiber cement of the first component includes cellulose fibers.
- 15. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the fiber cement of the first component includes natural inorganic fibers
- 16. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the fiber cement of the first component includes synthetic fibers.
- 17. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the fiber cement of the first component includes engineered fibers.
- 18. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the second component is a lightweight material.
- 19. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the second component is a fire resistive material.
- 20. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the fiber cement of the first component is pressed.
- 21. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the fiber cement of the first component is unpressed.
- 22. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the fiber cement of the first component is moldable.
- 23. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the fiber cement of the first component is embossed.
- 24. The building material of Claim 1, further comprising a sub layer between the first component and the second component to improve bonding therebetween.
- 25. The building material of Claim 1, wherein the second component is a lightweight core having a first side and a second side, and the first component is a pre-formed fiber cement facing on at least the first side of the core.
- 26. The building material of Claim 25, further comprising a second facing on the second side of the core.



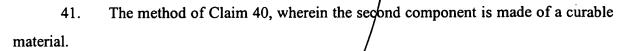


- 28. The building material of Claim 25, wherein the facing has a thickness of less than about 3/16".
- 29. The building material of Claim 26, wherein the second facing is made from a material selected from the group consisting of Aber cement, a fibrous mat, paper, and a polymeric coating
 - The building material of Claim 25, wherein the core is cementitious. 30.
 - The building material of Claim 25, wherein the core is solid. 31.
 - 32. The building material of Claim 25, wherein the core is open.
 - The building material of Claim 25, wherein the core is homogeneous. 33.
 - 34. The building material of Claim 25, wherein the core is non-homogeneous.
- The building material of Claim 32, wherein the core has a honeycomb 35. configuration.
- The building material of Claim 32, wherein the core includes a plurality of 36. vertical symmetrically opposed corrugated core layers.
- 37. The building material of Claim 32, wherein the core includes a horizontal, single corrugated layer.
- The building material bf Claim 25, wherein the building material is a single 38. plank.
- 39. The building material of Claim 25, wherein the building material is a trim board.
 - 40. A method of manufacturing a building material, comprising:

pre-forming a fiber cement component of predetermined size and shape such that the fiber cement component is in a plastic state and is uncured;

forming a second/component made from a curable material adjacent the fiber cement component; and

curing at least the fiber cement component while the fiber cement component is adjacent to the second component to form the building material.



- 42. The method of Claim 41, wherein the first component and the second component are simultaneously cured.
- 43. The method of Claim 41, wherein the first component and the second component are sequentially cured.
- 44. The method of Claim 40, further comprising partially drying the fiber cement component after forming the second component and before curing at least the fiber cement component.
- 45. The method of Claim 40, further comprising providing the fiber cement component on one side of the second component.
- 46. The method of Claim \$45\$, further comprising providing a third component adjacent a second side of the second component.
- 47. The method of Claim 46, wherein the third component is made of fiber cement.
- 48. The method of Claim 40, wherein the fiber cement component has a thickness of less than about 3/16".
- 49. The method of Claim 40, wherein the pre-formed fiber cement component comprises fibers that are substantially aligned along the same plane.
- 50. The method of Claim 40, wherein the fiber cement component includes individualized fibers.
- 51. The method of Claim 40, further comprising providing the fiber cement component at least partially around the second component.
- 52. The method of Claim 40, wherein the second component is a made of a lightweight cementitious material.
- 53. The method of Claim 40, wherein the second component is a made of a fire resistive material.
- 54. The method of Claim 40, further comprising molding the pre-formed fiber cement component into a desired shape while the component is in its uncured, plastic state.

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